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BEGIN SUMMARY: CHARGE MET WITH SYG LUNS ON OCTOBER 16 TO DISCUSS
US VIEWS ON PORTUGAL AND NATO SECURITY. LUNS AGREED TO DEFER

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UNTIL AT LEAST MID-NOVEMBER ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT

PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATION AT
DECEMBER MINISTERIAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE CHIEFS OF STAFF
(MCCS) MEETINGS. HE ALSO AGREED THAT NATO SECURITY SURVEY OF PORTUGAL
COULD BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY IF NECESSARY, AND TO RAISE
ALLIED APPROACH TO DEALING WITH PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING
PORTUGAL AND NATO SECURITY AT NEXT PERMREP LUNCHEON. END SUMMARY.

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS, REF (B), CHARGE AND POLAD MET WITH SYG
LUNS FOR DISCUSSION OF US VIEWS ON PORTUGAL AND NATO SECURITY
THAT COVERED FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

A. THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL AND MCCS MEETINGS.

CHARGE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR NATO TO
SEEK DECISIONS ON PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATION AT THESE IMPORTANT
NATO MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY SINCE ANY VISIBLE EFFORTS NOW TO
RESTRICT THE PORTUGUESE ROLE COULD HAVE MAJOR POLITI-
TICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE OVERALL PORTUGUESE ROLE IN NATO.
CHARGE ALSO NOTED THAT THE CHAPMAN OF THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE SEEMED TO BE PRESSING THE ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE
ATTENDANCE AT MCCS (REF (C)). LUNS COMMENTED THAT
FORMAL MCCS COULD BE WITHOUT CONTENT IF THE PORTUGUESE
ATTNED, WHILE A RUMP SESSION LESS PORTUGAL COULD ADDRESS
SENSITIVE ISSUES. CHARGE PORPOSED THAT IN LIGHT OF
PRESENT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION, NO DECISIONS
ON PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION BE TAKEN FOR THE TIME
BEING. LUNS AGREED TO DEFER BUT THOUGHT THAT DECISIONS WOULD
BE NECESSARY BY MID-NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST.

B. PORTUGUESE ROLE IN MBFR AD HOC GROUP. CHARGE
TOLD LUNS THAT GUIDANCE WHICH LATTER HAD RECENTLY
SENT TO IS ON THE AD HOC GROUP (REF (D)) GENERALLY
ACCORDED WITH WASHINGTON THINKING. VAN CAMPE, LUNS'
DIRECTEUR DU CABINET, SAID THATHE HAD JUST TALKED
TO IS IN VIENNA (COHEN) WHO HAD REPORTED THAT THE
AD HOC GROUP FOUND SATISFACTORY THE LATEST GUIDANCE
FORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

C. NATO SECURITY SIRVEY OF PORTUGAL. CHARGE IN-
FORMED SYG THAT US SEES NO ADVANTAGES DERIVING
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FROM A NATO SECURITY INSPECTION IN LISBON AT THIS
TIME. VAN CAMPEN SAID THT HE SAW NO PROBLEM; ANY
INSPECTION IN ANY CASE WOULD BE LOW-LEVEL AND OF A
TECHNICAL CHARACTER. LINS AGREDED TO POSTPONE THE INSPECTION
INDEFINITELY.

D. PRESS ASPECTS. CHARGE NOTED THAT US FULLY AGREED WITH THE SYG'S
APPROACH TO PRESS ASPECTS OF PORTUGAL-NATO SECURITY CONCERNS

PURSUED DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. CHARGE ALSO OUTLINED
US PROPOSAL THAT PRESS INQUIRIES IN CAPITALS BE DIRECTED TO NATO
HEADQUARTERS. IT WAS AGREED THAT CHARGE WOULD SEND SYG
A LETTER ON THIS MATTER CONTAINING US VIEWS AND THAT SYG WOULD
RAISE THE MATTER AT THE NEXT PERMREP LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 21.
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